

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

OFFICE OF CENTRAL REFERENCE

14 March 1961

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, WH Division, DD/P

SUBJECT: Procurement of Chinese Communist Publications

1. The procurement of current Chinese Communist publications (including books, periodicals, and newspapers) has become increasingly difficult since the Chicoms began to ban their export on 1 January 1960. The loss of these publications to the Intelligence Community has become increasingly serious; today we are receiving only one-tenth of the current Chicom publications we were procuring before the ban went into effect. The ban not only affects the export of these publications, but also subscriptions procured by governments friendly to us, who maintain Embassies in Peking, cannot be renewed by them after they run out.

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25X1X7. At the time that Mr. [REDACTED] visited [REDACTED] in 1960, [REDACTED] was receiving quite a number of these publications, some of which we have not yet been able to obtain. These included the Chinese Trade Unions published by the All Chinese Federation of Trade Unions in Peking and the Bulletin d'Information published by the Federation des Syndicates de Chine, also published in Peking. In addition, [REDACTED] was getting the Fortnightly Information Bulletin published in Ulan Bator in Outer Mongolia. These last two publications both commenced in 1960. It would be greatly appreciated if you could secure from [REDACTED] a list of the current publications which it is receiving from Communist China, Outer Mongolia, North Korea, and North Vietnam. In addition, it would be appreciated if we could get a microfilm of the complete 1960 - 1961 issues of the Fortnightly Information Bulletin and the Bulletin d'Information cited above, as well as a photostat copy of current issues as they become available; as it is believed that these publications are only four pages per issue, it is hoped that this will not be burdensome.

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25X1A6 [REDACTED] we cannot obtain elsewhere, we might be able to make available to [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] a new small, light portable microfilm camera (about the size
of a despatch case) which could be helpful in duplicating material for CIA use
and Intelligence Community exploitation.

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[REDACTED]
Chairman, Committee on Procurement
of
Foreign Publications

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